

## PROGRAM OUT FOR ROAD CONVENTION

President Taft Chief Speaker at Highway Meeting in Richmond.

MANY TOURING PARTIES

Five Hundred Motor Cars Will Come Here From All Parts of Country.

In the official program of the big road congress to be held by the American Association for Highway Improvement at Richmond November 29 to 31, 1911, there is a list of speakers which includes the most notable scientists and public men ever gathered together for any one convention. The program which has just been announced, includes an address by President Taft, the first that he will deliver upon his return from his long Western trip.

Previous announcement has been made that on "National Day," which will mark the opening of the congress of the association and its allied organizations, the speakers will include Governor Mann, of Virginia; Senators Martin and Bankhead and Congressman J. Hampton Moore, and others.

In the official program, however, it is set forth that Harold Parker, chairman of the Massachusetts State Highway Commission, will preside, and that twenty-minute papers will be read by W. A. McLean, provincial engineer of Ontario, Canada; W. W. Crosby, State Highway Engineer of Maryland; A. N. Johnson, State Highway Engineer of Illinois; A. H. Blanchard, professor of highway engineering, Columbia University; P. S. Wilson, State Highway Commissioner of Virginia.

**Five Hundred Cars Coming.**  
On "Road Users' Day," which will follow the second day, set aside for manufacturers, the automobiles will have their tunings. This part of the program is under the auspices of the Touring Club of America, which will have charge of the automobile tour which have been arranged. More than 500 automobiles will come to Richmond from various cities, as far away as Chicago.

This part of the program will be devoted to a discussion of the various problems of traffic regulations, not only from the standpoint of the automobiles, but from all other standpoints. James S. Harlan, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will preside. The address of welcome will be delivered by Preston Belvin, on behalf of the State Automobile Association, and will be followed by J. T. Egan, president of the Richmond Automobile Club. Many other speakers will deliver short talks on various phases of the traffic problem, as presented in different sections of the country. They will include Senator Swanson, of Virginia; Hugh Chalmers, of Detroit; Colonel Charles Clinton, of New York; and Howard D. Hadley, of New York.

An equally notable list of speakers has been arranged for the fourth and final day of the congress.

**Moving Pictures of Roads.**  
Moving pictures showing the effects of good and bad roads, some of them humorous and some dramatic, presented in a striking and human manner, the contrast between the two phases of the road problem, will lend considerable interest to the congress, to the average layman, who, after all, is the one chiefly affected by a system of bad roads. It will be shown that the high cost of living has been due, in a large measure, to the difficulty of getting farm products to the railroads for shipment at the "bad road" seasons, and that a system of good roads will wipe out this evil.

It is estimated that something in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 a year could be saved throughout the country by improving 20 per cent of all the roads now existent. The tremendous interest in the road problem is indicated by the fact that the country is now spending about \$1,000,000 a day in road-building and maintenance. Arrangements are being made to reduce the round trip ticket on the various railroads leading into Richmond for the congress, and present indications are that there will be more than 5,000 visitors from various parts of the country in the course of the four days. These visitors will include farmers, business men, public men, automobilists and manufacturers of road machinery and road materials, as well as official representatives from all the States.

## LIVES IN FOUR STATES

His Home Rests on the Point Where All Come Together.

Kansas City, Mo., October 24.—When Fred Terson, a stockman, came to Kansas City yesterday with a herd of cattle for a time was puzzled as to what State to register from. He explained that he lived in four States—Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona—his ranch extending into all four and his house standing on the point where they met.

Mr. Terson gets his mail at Cortez, Colo., but votes in Utah, because he sleeps in that State. His legal business he does at the county seat of Apache county, Arizona, because most of his ranch lies in that State. The windmill which pumps water for his stock is in New Mexico, but the trough is in Arizona.



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## CAN'T BLAME ANYBODY FOR CITY HALL FIRE

Wires Simply Crossed During Heavy Storm, and That Started Blaze.

### TWO DEPARTMENTS AT ODDS

Thompson and Trafford Explain Different Overhead Construction.

No blame is attached to any one for the recent fire at the City Hall, in which damage was done to the School Board offices to the extent of \$1,500, the special committee which investigated the matter last night reporting that the fire was apparently an unavoidable accident, liable to occur so long as overhead wiring is allowed. From the best evidence obtainable the committee reported that it seemed probable that the fire resulted from the crossing of a municipal electric plant wire with a school telephone wire, with a school telephone circuit, located, and in which the fire originated, was much increased by printed matter and storage supplies of all kinds, and that the wiring of the switchboard was antiquated, not conforming to modern requirements.

**Thompson Versus Trafford.**  
The hearing was enlivened by several spats between City Electrician Thompson and Superintendent of the Electric Plant Trafford. Mr. Thompson wanted to show photographs of faulty installations on the municipal plant distribution system. Mr. Trafford called the turn by reporting the crossing of fire alarm wires at Moselle and Leigh Streets. Asserting dramatically that such crossing should have been reported instantly, since lives and property were thereby endangered, Mr. Thompson halted the Clay Street dispatch Lineman stringer to make immediate repairs.

The hearing was long and tedious, and went into many matters having little bearing on the fire itself. Chairman Huber stated that he believed it would result in increased vigilance on the part of the officials, while other members asserted that the inevitable result would be the adoption of an ordinance greatly extending the underground district of the city, which alone it is believed will prevent the recurrence of such fires.

**Wires Were Crossed.**  
Electrical Inspectors Speights and Dowry told of making an examination under direction of the Mayor on the morning following the fire, and finally locating the wires crossed at the Clay Street crossing. A municipal plant wire going along Clay Street sagging so low as to touch a School Board telephone wire strung under it on Twenty-fifth Street.

Over the municipal plant wires on the city poles were wires of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, the city wires having been ordered to make room for them. Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm P. G. Randolph had also found the wires crossed at the point indicated, and was of the opinion that that was the cause of the fire.

Mr. Trafford asserted that the City Code provisions for outside wiring were twenty years old, and were utterly obsolete and antiquated. He explained how the best of copper wires stretch with varying temperature, and

how the slightest listing or settling of pole might cause wires to sag materially. The school telephone circuit, passed through several school houses in the East End, where no damage was done save to the telephone instrument, raising the question whether the City Hall switchboard was provided with proper safety appliances. Mr. Thompson thought it was thought not by any means as good as the Bell Telephone company uses.

### Storm on Night of Fire.

Mr. Trafford testified that there had been a severe storm the night of the fire, the first severe storm since many of the city plant poles had been set. The storm, he said, would not be surprising. The city ordinance governing overhead wiring he described as "awfully antique," saying that many of the conditions had never been observed by anybody; in fact, standard equipment, such as cross-arms, does not come according to measurements specified.

Foremen for the city electric plant, for Contractors Storms & Co. and for the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company testified that the wiring at the point in question had been properly done, and that the sagging of the wires so as to cross currents was one of the unavoidable accidents of overhead construction, liable to occur at any time, and which did occur with some frequency, though usually doing little or no damage where proper fuses or safety devices are installed.

**Defective Installation.**  
Inspector Fitzpatrick, who made an inspection of the School Board rooms after the fire, said that the switchboard had been destroyed, but that two paraffine conduits had been burned sixty feet, carrying the fire that far into the garret, and he did not consider that the wiring complied with the ordinance for inside installation. Mr. Thompson showed in reply that when the ordinance for inside wiring was adopted existing wiring was excepted, unless condemned by a city inspector after due examination.

Trafford closed his case by admitting that there was a cross, an accident, which had supplied the match. Where safety devices were installed in the various schoolhouses, no fire ensued; where combustible material and bad insulation were placed handy in the City Hall, a fire did ensue.

The committee finally shut off debate between the two departments, by going into executive session, when the clerk was instructed to draw a report showing that no direct negligence had been shown, but that the fire probably occurred, but that the accidental crossing of two city wires in the overhead district, a possible accident wherever overhead installation of a multiplicity of wires is allowed. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Trafford later expressed personal, but their antipathy was not friction between a superintendent using high-powered wires and one using lower-power current on the same poles. "The lion and the lamb cannot lie down together," quoted Mr. Thompson. "We are always scrapping with each other."

Members of the committee predicted that one result of the inquiry would be an appropriation for the rewiring of the entire City Hall, both for lighting and telephone purposes. The building is at present lighted by gas, the electric installation being admittedly very defective, so much so that it will probably have to be entirely replaced.

### CLUB TO CAPTURE "ARCHIE"

President's Aid to Have Function All Louisville, Ky. October 24.—With a

no stop in the 16,000-mile "swab" will President Taft be asked to give up as much of the honor of an occasion as he will when he comes to Louisville, former home of Major Archie Butt. Plans of the Press Club Louisville, made Sunday afternoon, provide for separating Archie from the President as soon after their arrival as possible and making him the honor guest at at least one function. This is because Major Butt formerly was a Louisville newspaper man, and while the Press Club will join with commercial organizations in giving the President a real Kentucky reception, it was decided in view of past affiliations to give Major Butt an entertainment all his own. Just what it will be has not been decided.

**Improving Auto Highway.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Spencer, N. C., October 24.—With a view to improving the national automobile highway through Davidson county, a force of men has been busily working week in Boone township, near Spencer, grading some of the worst places on the road. The work is being done under the supervision of J. B. Bailey and W. H. Whitner, two of the leading road good advocates in Davidson county. The road buildings will be pushed until the link between Spencer and Lexington has been placed in good condition.

## CONTINUE FIGHT ON BOOKMAKING

Governor Hopes Quo Warranto Proceedings Will Prove Successful.

### BOOK CASES POSTPONED

Publishers Will Not Appear. R. F. & P. Tax Case Not Advanced.

Governor Mann had but little to say regarding the statement in The Times-Dispatch of yesterday that the autumn racing of the Jockeytown Jockey Club would be carried on as usual, without fear of interference by the State. He has no objection to the racing, but proposes to break up the bookmaking if he can.

There is now pending in the Circuit Court of Norfolk quo warranto proceedings by which the Attorney-General seeks to have annulled the charter of the club, for violation of the laws of the State and actions contrary to public policy. The case was called on Monday, but no date was set before the court for a hearing. It will probably be tried later in the term.

Although the Governor's efforts to break up bookmaking at the spring race meet through prosecution by local officials resulted in failure, he has by no means abandoned hope that something may be done through the quo warranto proceedings.

Judge Jesse F. West, of Waverly, has been designated to sit in this case; Judge McLemore not desiring to preside.

### POSTPONE BOOK CASES

Hearing of School Text Publishers to Be Held December 6.

By agreement, the rules before the State Corporation Commission against school book publishing, which were to have been heard this morning, have been postponed to December 6. Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams has been pushing this action, and it was at his request that the commission issued rules against these concerns, requiring them to show cause why they should not be fined for doing business in Virginia as foreign corporations without having first obtained certificates of authority and paying the required fees.

Inasmuch as most of these companies are heavily capitalized, the fees would be large, and it is claimed that they would prevent the consummation of contracts to supply school books.

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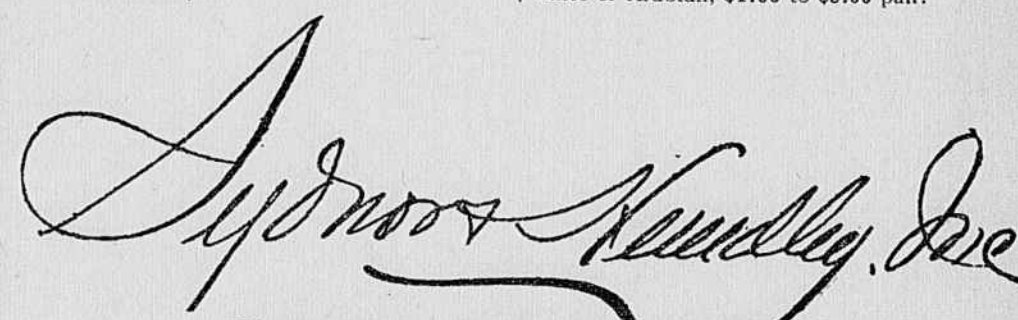
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## TOWN SERGEANT SHOT BY NEGRO

Posse of Men, With Bloodhounds, Starts in Pursuit of Man.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Clarksville, Va., October 24.—D. D. Murphy, town sergeant of this place, was shot by a negro named James Marrow yesterday, and narrowly escaped being killed.

Murphy went to the negro's home to levy on some property under an execution in his hands, a quarrel ensued, and the negro, who was in the second-story of the house at the time, without warning, opened fire on Murphy with a double-barrel gun, loaded with No. 6 shot. The top of Murphy's hat was shot off, and probably six or more shot grazed his head. He was not seriously injured, and after having the wound dressed, joined in pursuit of the fleeing negro.

Bloodhounds were put on the trail and are now pursuing him. He appears to be making for the North Carolina line. The posse in pursuit, headed by the sheriff of the county, numbers nearly 100.

The burglars who attempted to enter the Planters' Bank at this place a week ago have not yet been apprehended.

The only damage sustained by the bank in the damage to the vault doors, possibly not exceeding \$100.

### FATAL EXPLOSION IN MINE

Eight Miners Killed and Eight Others Temporarily Overcome.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 24.—Eight miners were killed and eight others temporarily overcome by an explosion of powder in O'Gara Mine, No. 9, a mile from here, yesterday.

The dead and those rendered unconscious were removed from the mines by rescuers, three of whom were overcome by gas. They were resuscitated at a hospital. The cause of the explosion is not definitely known.

### Accused of Selling Liquor

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Danville, Va., October 24.—Miss Beulah Ponton and H. D. Menfee, of Rocky Mount, were married last afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ponton, on Main Street. Dr. J. B. Winn, pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist Church, performed the ceremony. Miss Frances Reynolds bore the ring in a white rose, and Crump Menfee was best man.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Menfee left on the afternoon train for Asheville, and on their return will make their home in Rocky Mount. A reception was given at the home of the bride on Monday evening.

## SEEK TO RECALL CITY COUNCILMEN

Disaffected Elements in Wilmington Want Change in Government.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Wilmington, N. C., October 24.—After slumbering for weeks the agitation for a recall of Wilmington's Councilmen, constituting the first commission form of government, has popped up again, and is to be the live subject discussed at another massing, called for Wednesday night. The recall petitions, circulated some time ago, and largely signed, it was declared, were held in abeyance pending the decision of the Council on certain sanitary measures which were under test. The Council practice decided to enforce the ordinance, and hence the agitation has broken out again. The agitators have succeeded in securing the various factions that the Council made enemies of, in arms, and hence the agitation has broken out again. The agitators have succeeded in securing the various factions that the Council made enemies of, in arms, and hence the agitation has broken out again.

The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames is preparing for a visit from an ex-prince in old silver, a Mr. Jones, who comes from England to make a study of colonial ecclesiastical and historical silver to be placed in a book he is now engaged upon by the Colonial Dames of America to have appropriated \$500 to help defray Mr. Jones' expenses. All the colonial silver being gotten together in this city, and will be photographed by Mr. Jones at the residence of Mrs. James Sprunt, president of the North Carolina society.

### H. E. HURDLE IS ELECTED SUCCESSOR TO SYLVESTER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Norfolk, Va., October 24.—H. E. Hurdle to-day was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Norfolk county, to succeed L. M. Sylvester, who resigned because of the contests that have been made by the Straightout faction. Hurdle is a Fusionist, as was Mr. Sylvester. Resolutions endorsing Mr. Sylvester's course as chairman were adopted.

### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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